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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to food service in funeral establishments

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3444 to read as follows:
3 S 3444. FOOD SERVICE IN FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS. (A) A FUNERAL ESTAB-
4 LISHMENT MAY PROVIDE SPACE, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES FOR THE
5 PREPARATION, SALE, SERVICE, DISTRIBUTION OR CONSUMPTION OF FOOD OR
6 NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IN THE NATURE OF INCIDENTAL REFRESHMENTS (SUCH
7 AS BAKED GOODS, SANDWICHES, SNACKS AND PLATTERS) OR THOSE REQUIRED BY
8 THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF THE DECEASED PERSON OR THE DECEASED PERSON'S
9 FAMILY, IN THE FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT TO OR BY PERSONS IN THE FUNERAL
10 ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARRANGING FOR, ATTENDING OR PARTICIPAT-
11 ING IN THE CARE AND PREPARATION OF A BODY OF A DECEASED PERSON FOR
12 DISPOSITION, MOURNING, A FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL CEREMONY OR SERVICE, OR AN
13 OPEN HOUSE OR SIMILAR COMMUNITY FUNCTION THAT IS RELATED TO THE BUSINESS
14 OF FUNERAL DIRECTING.
15 (B) ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE THE SERVICES OF A CATER-
16 ER NOT OWNED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH THE FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT. ACTIV-
17 ITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYEES SHALL BE LIMITED TO PREPARING
18 SUCH BEVERAGES AND SERVING FOOD OR NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNDER THIS
19 SECTION.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 NO ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE CONSUMPTION OF ANY
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE. A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE A
3 FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BECAUSE OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect one hundred eighty days after it shall
5 have become a law, provided that the commissioner of health is author-
6 ized and directed to make regulations and take other actions necessary
7 to implement this act on that date.